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The Honorable Ellen L. Weintraub
Chair
Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC

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Dear Chair Weintraub:

I recently became involved in a new women's political organization, **WE LEAD**. I am not usually a "joiner" but as a middle age working woman, I wanted to learn more about the political process and contribute to a group that is inclusive of women of all ages, ethnic and educational and financial backgrounds. My 86 year old mother is very excited about **WE LEAD** and she has never contributed more than her vote during an election.

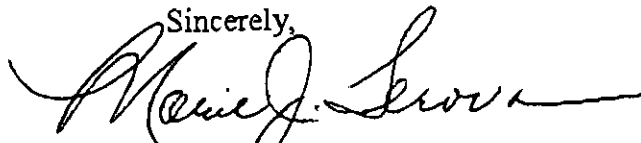
Currently the General Counsel's office of the Federal Election Commission is recommending that the Commissioners vote against our proposal (AO 2003-23) because of a technicality in the law.

American government and the campaign finance reform movement should encourage and allow ALL citizens to become a part of the political process.

The proposal of **WE LEAD** makes sense and I sincerely believe that with your help in passing our proposal, **WE LEAD** will grow into an important political organization for ALL citizens who wish to take part in the political process and help determine the way their lives are governed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Marie J. Terova

Cc: General Counsel's Office
Federal Election Commission